OPINION 1777

Anisolepis grilli Boulenger, 1891 (Reptilia, Squamata): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy:

- (a) fitzingeri Wiegmann, 1834, as published in the binomen Laemanctus fitzingeri;
- (b) obtusirostris Wiegmann, 1834, as published in the binomen Laemanctus obtusirostris.

(2) The name grilli Boulenger, 1891, as published in the binomen Anisolepis grilli, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *fitzingeri* Wiegmann, 1834, as published in the binomen *Laemanctus fitzingeri* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
- (b) obtusirostris Wiegmann, 1834, as published in the binomen Laemanctus obtusirostris and as suppressed in (1)(b) above.

History of Case 2802

An application for the conservation of the specific name of Anisolepis grilli Boulenger, 1891 was received from Prof Richard Etheridge (College of Sciences, San Diego State University, San Diego, California, U.S.A.) and Dr Ernest E. Williams (Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.) on 3 December 1990. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 217–220 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 218–219. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink Negative votes — 1: Štys.

Bouchet abstained.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

fitzingeri, Laemanctus, Wiegmann, 1834, Herpetologia Mexicana, seu descriptio amphibiorum Novae Hispaniae ... Pars prima, saurorum species amplectens ..., p. 46. grilli, Anisolepis, Boulenger, 1891, Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Genova, (2)10: 909.

obtusirostris, Laemanctus, Wiegmann, 1834, Herpetologia Mexicana, seu descriptio amphibiorum Novae Hispaniae ... Pars prima, saurorum species amplectens ..., p. 46.